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1. It is planned to erect in the Elektrochemisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld, a plant which should produce sulfuric acid equivalent to 60,000 tons sulfur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>) during 1952. Shortage of acid-proof steel and other necessary equipment will probably prevent the fulfillment of this plan.
2. A yearly total of 20 tons of boric acid is required by the firms in the Russian Zone and East Berlin which make electrical condensers. The Elektrochemisches Kombinat has agreed to deliver 8 tons per year. It is believed that a factory in Glauchau may also deliver boric acid to these customers.
3. In July, 80 tons of alleged "Monazite sand" were delivered to the factory for the production of various elements. However, analysis proved that the sand was actually zircon silicate, from which only zirconium could be separated. It is believed that the sand originated from German wartime stocks, the composition of which had been forgotten.\*

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